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## Welcome to Historic Philadelphia! The Fun Continues into Fall!

Even though summer is over, there's still lots to do in Historic Philadelphia! You'll be too cool for school after taking **Once Upon A Nation's Fall Adventure Tours**. Start your evening off with **Independence After Hours** tour, a VIP night – Colonial style (*details on page 3*).

If you've been out of school for a couple of years, take the **Tippler's Tour**. One part history, two parts fun, this tour gives you a little sip of history (*details on page 3*).

One thing you probably won't learn in any classroom is the uniquely spooky and creepy history of Philadelphia. During the month of October, **Cobwebs & Cobblestones** will trick or treat you to some spine-tingling, true tales. Stop at various places in Historic Philadelphia to hear some hair-raising stories that happened right where you are standing! It is hard to decide which is more chilling: the tales themselves or the fact that they are true... You decide! (*details on page 3*).



Everybody knows about America's birthday, as marked by the symbolic signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. September 17, 1787, the day the delegates to the Philadelphia Convention signed the U.S. Constitution, is not nearly as well known. The **National Constitution Center** provides a wealth of ideas and resources to educate Americans about the Constitution and our rights and responsibilities as citizens. The Center has an exciting calendar of events for Constitution Day 2007. For more information, turn to page 4 or go to [constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday](http://constitutioncenter.org/constitutionday). Right across from the **National Constitution Center** is the destination that *Philadelphia Magazine* calls the "Best Play Space for Kids" – **Franklin Square**! There is fun for everyone in this "amusement oasis!" Open on weekends in September and October,

10 a.m. – 6 p.m., **Franklin Square** boasts a Philly-themed, 18-hole mini golf course that has been described as "nothing short of stunning." And take a spin on the **Philadelphia Park Liberty Carousel**, always a crowd pleaser! With two free playgrounds, a relaxing fountain and hot dogs and ice cream, you won't want to miss this Best of Philly destination.

*Cobwebs & Cobblestones*



National Park Service

## Autumn Experiences

Welcome to Independence National Historical Park! I hope you have the opportunity to visit the park's most recent exhibit at the **President's House** site at 6th and Market Streets. The **President's House** got a lot of attention this summer, as archeologists made a series of unexpected findings at the site where Presidents George Washington and John Adams lived from 1790-1800, and where at least nine enslaved Africans, kept by Washington, also lived and toiled. Artifacts unearthed during this dig will be analyzed and then displayed for the public in the **Archeology Lab** at the **Independence Living History Center** at 3rd and Chestnut Streets. October is archeology month, so I encourage all of you to stop by the archeology lab, talk to an archeologist, and see our nation's history for yourselves!



*Archeologist at work in the Independence Living History Center*

The **Independence Living History Center** is also home to the **Independence Park Institute**, where we offer learning for all ages. From our **First Fridays** at the **Galleries of Independence** adult education series, to hands-on archeology programs for children throughout October, to Saturday **HisSTORY Time!** every Saturday in October, there are lots of opportunities throughout INHP for parents and kids to have fun and learn!

*Darla Sidles*

Darla Sidles  
Acting Superintendent

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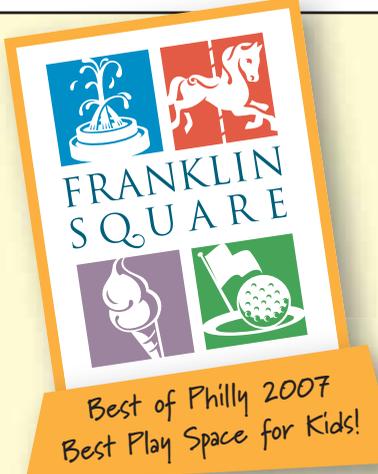
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To see Independence Hall obtain your **FREE**, timed ticket at the Independence Visitor Center at 6th & Market Streets. Tickets are given out starting at 8:30 a.m. each day; early arrivals have the greatest choice of times. Allow about 30 minutes to go through security at 5th & Chestnut Streets.

*Note: use the restrooms in the Visitor Center or across the street from Old City Hall since there are no restrooms inside the secure area.*



## DON'T MISS THESE FREE ARTS & CRAFTS MAKE N'TAKE ACTIVITIES!

SEPTEMBER 8  
 BACK TO SCHOOL  
 PENCIL CASE DECORATING  
 WITH FREE PENCIL & ERASER



SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 5!

OCTOBER 13 & 20  
 PUMPKIN PATCH  
 DECORATE A SUGAR PUMPKIN FOR HALLOWEEN



October 27  
 Trick or Treat  
 Bag decorating with free candy

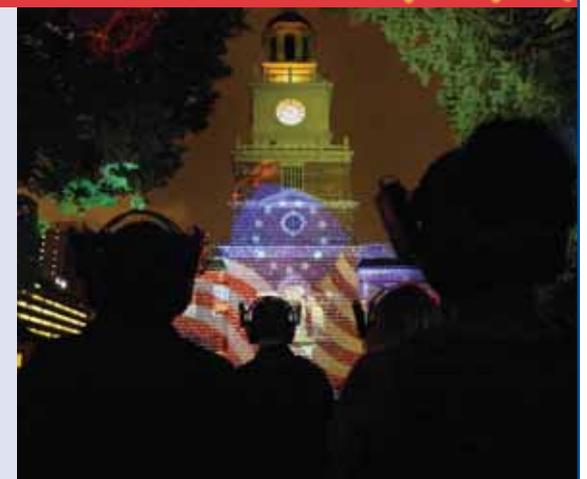


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*The Philadelphia Inquirer*

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- Listen as patriots debate for freedom
- Dramatic celebrity narration



"The historic square sizzles!" *The New York Times*

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Ben Franklin's Ghost

Ask Ben about his life and times in this free interactive exhibit.

Show Reservations Required 215-LIBERTY  
 PECO Energy Liberty Center, 6th & Chestnut Streets  
 Open daily from 10 a.m. • Across from the Liberty Bell

# PROGRAMS & TOURS

## SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2007

Location	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	Noon	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.
Betsy Ross House <i>239 Arch Street</i>	Meet Betsy Ross <i>Daily in September - Tues.-Sun. in October</i>								
	Colonial Guide <i>Daily in September - Tues.-Sun. in October</i>								
			A Soldier's Story <i>Tues.-Fri. in October</i>			Joke & Dagger <i>Thurs.-Sun.</i>			
						Girl Wonder <i>Thurs.-Sun.</i>			
City Tavern <i>138 S 2nd Street</i>								Colonial Greeter <i>Fri. &amp; Sat. 6 - 9 p.m.</i> ➤	
Franklin Court <i>Market Street between 3rd &amp; 4th Streets</i>				Franklin's Glass Music <i>Sat. &amp; Sun.</i>					
				Franklin's Footsteps Walking Tour <i>Sat. &amp; Sun. (no tour 9/22 &amp; 23)</i>					
				Franklin's Hands on History <i>Sat. &amp; Sun.</i>					
Franklin Square <i>6th &amp; Race Streets</i>			Entertainer <i>Sat. &amp; Sun.</i>						
Free Quaker Meeting House <i>5th &amp; Arch Streets</i>		Meet a Free Quaker <i>Wed.-Sun.</i>							
Independence Visitor Center <i>6th &amp; Market Streets</i>		Colonial Crafters & Greeters <i>Daily</i>							
				The President's House in 18th-Century Philadelphia <i>Sun.</i>					
				Underground Railroad in Philadelphia <i>Sat.</i>					
New Hall Military Museum <i>322 Chestnut Street</i>						Barnacles and Bullets <i>Sat. &amp; Sun.</i>			
Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank <i>Chestnut between 4th &amp; 5th Streets</i>						Moses Williams Cutter of Profiles <i>Wed.-Sun.</i>			

## EVENING ADVENTURE TOURS

### Tippler's Tour

Cheers to the spirits of '76! Enjoy traditional drinks and a sip of 18th-century history at Colonial and modern-day watering holes as your Colonial guide shares tales of the taverns of old.

*Thursdays 5:30 p.m. thru 10/25.*

*Tickets are \$30 adults;  
\$25 seniors/students/military*

*Must be 21 with valid ID.  
Tour departs from the Independence Living History Center.*

### Independence After Hours Tour

Take a sneak peak into *Independence Hall* after hours. Start with a delicious meal at historic *City Tavern* before heading over to eavesdrop in the happenings at the *Pennsylvania State House*, circa 1776. Top it all off with the spectacular *Lights of Liberty Show*.

*Fridays & Saturdays, 5:30 p.m.*

*Tickets are \$76 for adults;  
\$70 seniors/students military;  
\$50 children 12 and under.*

*Departs from the Independence Living History Center.*

### Cobwebs & Cobblestones

Step back in time as your spooky guide leads you on a bone-chilling tour of the macabre side of Philadelphia. Tour includes stops at *Christ Church Burial Ground*, *The Free Quaker Meeting House*, and *Franklin Square*.

*Fridays and Saturdays 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.,*

*thru 10/27. Tickets are \$25 for adults;  
\$23 seniors/students/military;  
\$20 children under 12.*

*Tour departs from the Free Quaker Meeting House.*

# National Constitution Center Celebrates Constitution Day and America's First Ladies

Though the **National Constitution Center** encourages active citizenship year-round, our efforts multiply as we lead the charge for national constitutional education on the anniversary of the Constitution's signing, September 17.

This year's annual "*America Reads the Constitution*" event will be a theatrical recitation from memory of the entire Constitution by T.S. Grant. Elizabeth Eckford of the Little Rock Nine will also join the Center for the ceremonial addition of her name to the American National Tree in the main exhibition. Lynne Cheney will be among the honored guests at both a launch for a new web tool titled *ConSource*, and a naturalization ceremony held at the Center.

More information about these and other events is available at [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

Though the men who signed the Constitution impacted our nation in countless ways, women have also been instrumental in shaping U.S. history, with some great examples being our first ladies.

From October 5 through December 31, the Center will host *First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image*. This Smithsonian Institution exhibition features more than two centuries of inaugural and evening gowns, clothing and jewelry, White House furnishings and china, photographs and portraits, and campaign and personal memorabilia. It examines the demanding duties of the presidential partner and national hostess, explores how her role has evolved from ceremonial colleague to one of international celebrity and recognized political power, and illustrates the importance of the first lady's public image to



the success of a presidential administration.

*Admission to First Ladies costs \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$9 for children ages 4-12. Admission to the Center's main exhibition is included.*

*For ticket information, call (215) 409-6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).*

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

**SEPTEMBER 17**

**10 A.M. – 4 P.M. CONSTITUTION BIRTHDAY PARTY!**

Enjoy all the festivities from the weekend events, plus the bronze statues of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington will come to life right before your eyes!

**10:30 A.M. NATURALIZATION CEREMONY**

Join us as dozens of foreign-born people officially become citizens of the United States. Second Lady of the United States, Lynne Cheney, will serve as the distinguished guest speaker with an introduction by Third Circuit Judge and First Lady of Pennsylvania, Honorable Marjorie O. Rendell.

**NOON AMERICA READS THE CONSTITUTION**

In a new twist on this tradition, the annual public reading will feature a recitation from memory of the entire U.S. Constitution and all 27 Amendments by T.S. Grant, a former Baltimore city schoolteacher.

**1:30 P.M. INDUCTION OF ELIZABETH ECKFORD TO THE AMERICAN NATIONAL TREE**

The Center, in partnership with Scholastic, will add a new name and biography to the American National Tree. Elizabeth Eckford of the Little Rock Nine will attend the ceremonial addition of her name to the Tree, along with the student who proposed her story.

**5:30 P.M. 50TH ANNUAL OWEN J. ROBERTS MEMORIAL LECTURE ON THE CONSTITUTION**

Named in memory of the University of Pennsylvania's former law school dean who served on the U.S. Supreme Court, this year's lecture is titled *The Battle Against Terror: The Judicial Role* and will be given by Aharon Barak, professor of law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and former President of the Supreme Court of Israel, in celebration of Constitution Day.

(215) 409-6700 • [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)  
All events are free

## Join Us for Fall Fun at the Betsy Ross House

Family fun continues through the fall at Philadelphia's **Betsy Ross House**. Be sure your plans include plenty of time to enjoy all the site has to offer. Take our tour, meet Betsy, catch some colonial-style entertainment, shop for unique gift items and relax in our shady courtyard before you head to your next stop.

Start your visit with our exciting audio tour to discover the real life and times of the remarkable woman behind the legend. Betsy Ross was a wife, mother, entrepreneur, successful businesswoman and patriot... a true modern woman who lived more than two centuries ago. You'll be amazed by her story!

Don't miss our new *Name That Tool* exhibit, made possible by

the Pennsylvania Historic & Museum Commission, in the house's basement. Play history detective by matching these 18th-century household tools with their modern counterparts... it's harder than it sounds.



Then, find out even more about Betsy from the lady herself. America's most famous flagmaker is in residence daily in September

and Tuesday through Sunday in October to answer all your questions. And, that's not all. You'll also enjoy a hilarious sword fight, catch a performance about colonial women and hear the true tales of a Continental

Army soldier and sailor. The crowds are lighter, the weather is cooler... we look forward to seeing you this fall at the **Betsy Ross House!**

*The Betsy Ross House is located at 239 Arch Street, just blocks from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. The house is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in September;*

*closed Mondays beginning in October. Check out the complete schedule on page 3 for program times and details.*



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## H I S T O R I C A L H A P P E N I N G S

## SEPTEMBER

## SEPTEMBER 5

**National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: Maintaining the Balance**

To help clarify the concept of executive power, as set for by Article II of the Constitution, the NCC welcomes visiting scholars Laurence Tribe, Theodore Olson, and University of Pennsylvania Professor of Political Science Rogers M. Smith to place recent events in the Bush administration into legal and historical context.

Free, reservations required. (215) 409-6700, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## SEPTEMBER 7

**Second Bank of the United States, 7–8 p.m.: First Fridays at the Galleries of Independence**

How did the 18th-century Americans capture their image? Besides oil paintings, there were artists who worked in pastel and in Peale's Museum, Moses Williams, an enslaved African made silhouettes, a skill that earned his freedom and a good income. Tickets are \$10; reservations recommended.

(215) 597-2760, [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde)

## SEPTEMBER 8

**Franklin Square, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Back to School** – Arts and crafts make and take. Decorate pencils cases and fill with pencils and erasers Free (215) 629-4026, [www.onceuponanation.org](http://www.onceuponanation.org)

## SEPTEMBER 10

**National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: Voices for Liberty**

To compliment the awarding of the 2007 Liberty Medal to Bono, U2 lead singer and activist, and DATA (Debt, AIDS, Trade, Africa), a renowned panel of experts on the plight of Africa will discuss fighting disease and poverty on the African continent.

Free, reservations required. (215) 409-6700, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## SEPTEMBER 15 &amp; 16

**National Constitution Center, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Constitution Birthday Party!**

Celebrate the birthday of the Constitution with day-long activities for the whole family... plus cake!

Free with regular museum admission.

(215) 409-6700, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## SEPTEMBER 22 &amp; 23

**Franklin Court, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.: The British Occupation Walking Tour**

In September of 1777 the British Army occupied Philadelphia driving the American Army to Valley Forge. Learn what it was like behind enemy lines for both loyalists and patriots in Philadelphia.

Free. (800) 537-7676, [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde)

## SEPTEMBER 29

**African American Museum in Philadelphia, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.: Smithsonian Day**

Daylong event features historical re-enactments, a seminar, *Embracing the Black body, Enhancing Black Beauty* and a discussion with author Dr. Adelaide M. Cromwell, writer of *Unveiled Voices, Unvarnished Memories: The Cromwell Family in Slavery & Segregation, 1692-1972*. See website for details and complete schedule.

Free with museum admission. (215) 574-0380, [www.aampmuseum.org](http://www.aampmuseum.org)

## OCTOBER

## OCTOBER 1

**National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: Is the Constitution Outdated?**

Has our nation outgrown our founding document or, to the contrary, are we losing sight of the Framers' intent?

Larry J. Sabato, founder and director of the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia and noted author will debate these questions with a panel of experts. Free. (215) 409-6700, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## OCTOBER 5

**Betsy Ross House, 5-8 p.m.: First Friday**

Join us after hours for our famous "Pirate Show," *Quest for the Gold Albatross* performed at 5 & 6 p.m., plus house tours and shopping!

Free. (215) 686-1252, [www.betsyrosshouse.org](http://www.betsyrosshouse.org)

**National Constitution Center, regular site hours thru 12/31:****First Ladies: Political Role & Public Image**

The National Constitution Center presents elegant inaugural and evening gowns, clothes, jewelry, china, photographs and much more about the women's diverse roles as first ladies, international celebrities and presidential partners. Free with regular museum admission.

(215) 409-6700, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

**Second Bank of the United States, 7–8 p.m.: First Fridays at the Galleries of Independence**

Meet some of the Galleries' residents. Meriweather Lewis and William Clark are just two of the interesting explorers and scientists who can be found in our galleries. Hear stories about their adventures on this exploration tour.

Tickets are \$10; reservations recommended.

(215) 597-2760, [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde)

## OCTOBER 8

**National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: Mr. Jefferson's Women**

Author Jon Kukla will discuss Thomas Jefferson's role in determining the position of women in law, culture, and education during and after the American Revolution. Free, reservations required.

(215) 409-6700, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## OCTOBER 10

**African American Museum in Philadelphia, 4 p.m.: Educators' Night Out**

Philadelphia teachers are invited to an evening of live music, snacks, guided tours and an overview of museum programs and events. Free. (215) 574-0380, [www.aampmuseum.org](http://www.aampmuseum.org)

## OCTOBER 13 &amp; 20

**Franklin Square, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Pumpkin Patch**

Decorate sugar pumpkins from the fall harvest. Take a ride on the new Lightning Bolt Express (ticketed).

Free. (215) 629-4026, [www.onceuponanation.org](http://www.onceuponanation.org)

## OCTOBER 15

**National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: Cephalon Speaker Series for Science and the Constitution: "Regulating the Practice of Medicine"**

The first program of this new series is a conversation about how business and government promote, regulate, pay for and prohibit products in the health care industry. Tickets are \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$6 for students and teachers; reservations required.

(215) 409-6700, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## OCTOBER 20

**National Constitution Center, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Bill of Frights**

Halloween activities will include a make and take craft and trick-or-treating throughout the museum. Kids in costume get in free with the purchase of adult admission. Free with regular museum admission. (215) 409-6700, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

**African American Museum in Philadelphia, 1 p.m.: Wondabubba and the Big Splash!**

Storyteller Gary Giles presents a multi-media, interactive adventure for all ages. Free with museum admission.

(215) 574-0380, [www.aampmuseum.org](http://www.aampmuseum.org)

## OCTOBER 23

**National Constitution Center, 7 p.m.: The Big Talker 1210's Michael Smerconish Book Club Presents: Chris Matthews**

MSNBC's Chris Matthews returns for a conversation about his new book. Tickets are \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$6 for students; reservations required. (215) 409-6700, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## OCTOBER 24

**National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: Alice Roosevelt Longworth: White House Princess to Washington Power Broker**

Historian Stacy Cordery will discuss her new biography, and the uniquely American institution of the first family. Free, reservations required. (215) 409-6700, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## OCTOBER 25

**Edgar Allan Poe Site, 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.: Candlelight Tour of Poe House**

Evening tour of Poe's house featuring his tales of horror, including the basement which plays a key role in the story: "The Black Cat." Tickets are \$10; reservations are required. (215) 597-8780, [www.nps.gov/edal](http://www.nps.gov/edal)

## OCTOBER 27

**Franklin Square, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Halloween Fun**

Decorate Trick or Treat bags for Halloween at this free arts and crafts make and take. Sponsored by Blank Rome LLP.

Free (215) 629-4026, [www.onceuponanation.org](http://www.onceuponanation.org)

**Edgar Allan Poe Site, 7 p.m.: Glass Prism performs Poe**

A special concert presented by the progressive rock band Glass Prism featuring their hit single. The concert will take place at the German Society next to the Poe Site at 7th and Spring Garden streets. Tickets are \$20; seating limited, reservations recommended.

(215) 597-8780, [www.nps.gov/edal](http://www.nps.gov/edal)

## OCTOBER 30

**National Constitution Center, 6:30 p.m.: The Kennedys: Portrait of a Family**

Author Shannon Thomas Perrich, associate curator in the Photographic History Collection at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History will reveal the photographs never seen outside the Smithsonian collection and share the story of a First Family on the brink of history. Free, reservations required.

(215) 409-6700, [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

## ONGOING

**Atwater Kent Museum, 2 p.m. Saturdays: Quest for Freedom**

Enjoy a 30-minute program featuring a special presentation of AKMP artifacts related to the Underground Railroad and African American history in Philadelphia. Free with museum admission.

(215) 685-4830, [www.philadelphiabistory.org](http://www.philadelphiabistory.org)

**Christ Church Burial Ground, from 10 a.m. on the hour with last tour at 3 p.m.: Revolutionary Women**

Learn about some of the extraordinary women in Christ Church's 312 year history, including Deborah and Sarah Franklin, and other buried in this historic burial ground. The 20-minute tour includes stops at the graves of Benjamin Franklin and four other signers of the Declaration of Independence. Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, \$10 for groups. (215) 922-1695, [www.oldchristchurch.org](http://www.oldchristchurch.org)

**Christ Church Burial Ground, from 10 a.m. on the half hour with last tour at 3:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays: Yellow Fever 1793 Tour**

In the Burial Ground's 287 year history, by far its darkest days occurred in 1793. Hear the story of the plague and about those affected by this horrific epidemic. Tickets are \$2 for adults, \$1 for students, \$10 for groups. (215) 922-1695, [www.oldchristchurch.org](http://www.oldchristchurch.org)

**Edgar Allan Poe Site, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wed.-Sun. through 9/30:****Some words with a Mummy**

View an original copy of this 1845 short story written by Poe to capitalize on the public's interest in ancient Egypt. It is one example of his pioneering work in science fiction. Free. (215) 597-8780, [www.nps.gov/edal](http://www.nps.gov/edal)

**Franklin Court Museum, 9:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.: Franklin Film Festival**

Three 30 minute films on Franklin: Disney's *Ben & Me*, Discovery Channel's *The Real Ben Franklin* and the original NPS *Portrait of a Family*. Free. (800) - 537-7676 [www.nps.gov/inde](http://www.nps.gov/inde)

**Independence Visitor Center, 9 – 10:30 a.m. Saturdays:****Breakfast with Ben**

Enjoy breakfast with Philadelphia's most popular founding father. Event includes a meet-and-greet session where children can talk to the man himself, ask their own questions and even pose for pictures with him. Each guest receives a goody bag. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$13 for children 3-12; advance purchase required. (215) 965-7676, [www.breakfastwithben.com](http://www.breakfastwithben.com)

**Historic Christ Church, regular site hours: Revolutionary Women**

Woven into guided tours of "The Nation's Church" will be stories about extraordinary women such as Deborah Franklin and Elizabeth Graeme Fergusson and about famous Revolutionary-era leaders who worshipped here, including Washington and Franklin. in ancient Egypt. It is one example of his pioneering work in science fiction.

Free. (215) 597-8780, [www.nps.gov/edal](http://www.nps.gov/edal)

**National Museum of American Jewish History, regular museum hours: Forshpeis! A Taste of the Peter H. Schweitzer Collection of Jewish Americana**

This ongoing exhibition reveals aspects of American Jewish life by looking at food in a range of settings, including in the kitchen and at the deli.

Free. (215) 923-3811, [www.nmajb.org](http://www.nmajb.org)

**PECO Energy Liberty Center, show dates & times vary: Ben Franklin's Ghost at Lights of Liberty**

Dr. Franklin appears as a dramatic, life-size holographic image who can answer hundreds of possible questions, both serious and silly, about his family, inventions, writings and his role in history.

Free. (215) LIBERTY, [www.lightsofliberty.org](http://www.lightsofliberty.org)

**PECO Energy Liberty Center, show dates & times vary: Lights of Liberty Show**

An outdoor, nighttime sound and light spectacular that celebrates the story of our nation's birth with 3-D surround sound, celebrity narration and five-story high projections on some of America's most historic buildings. Adults, \$19.50; senior/students, \$16.50; under 12, \$13. Reservations required.

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# National Park Service

## On the Mall

### The Independence Visitor Center

6th & Market Streets

Obtain your free timed Independence Hall tickets here and purchase tickets to other attractions and tours. Exhibits, films, restroom, store, snack bar and helpful staff. *Daily 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. through Sept. 30, beginning Oct. 1 open 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

### Free Quaker Meeting House

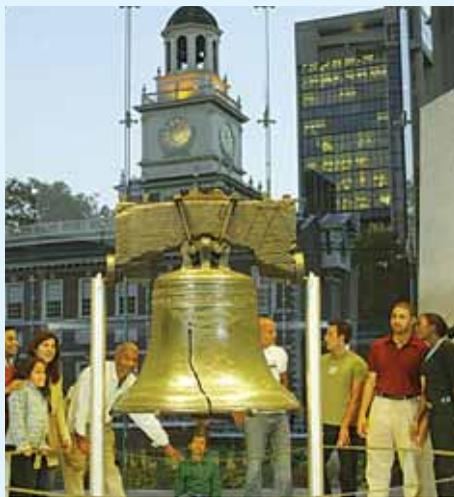
5th & Arch Streets

Visit the original 18th-century meeting house of the Free Quakers whose members included Betsy Ross. *10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wed. – Sun.*

### The Liberty Bell Center

6th Street & Market Streets

View the Liberty Bell and exhibits on this symbol of freedom. *Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., you must be at security by 4:45 p.m.*



The Liberty Bell Center

### President's House Site

6th & Market Streets

### Independence Hall

Chestnut between 5th & 6th Streets

See the building where Americans boldly declared their independence in 1776 and then 11 years later established our form of government—the U.S. Constitution. Ask at the Independence Visitor Center for free but required timed tickets to see the building. *9 a.m. – 5 p.m. obtain tickets at Independence Visitor Center*



Independence Hall

### West Wing of Independence Hall

“Great Essentials” Exhibit

Examine original printed versions of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution and the silver inkstand used to sign them. *Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

### Congress Hall

6th & Chestnut Streets

Take a seat where the House of Representatives and the Senate governed the new nation. Washington and Adams took their oath as president in this building. *Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

### Supreme Court Chamber in the Old City Hall

5th & Chestnut Streets

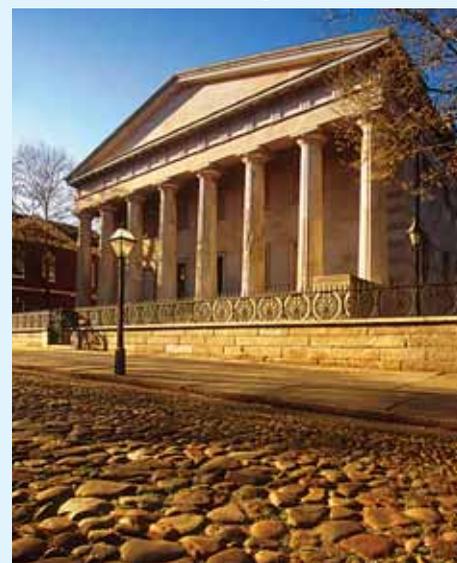
The Supreme Court met on the first floor, while the Mayor of Philadelphia had offices upstairs. In the 1793 Yellow Fever Epidemic citizens offered their help here including Stephen Girard and the Free African Society. *Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

## Just Off the Mall

### The Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S

420 Chestnut Street

Accessible entrance on 5th Street side Visit the new *Faces of Independence* exhibit with life portraits of the founders such as Martha and George Washington, and Dolly Madison. Children use *Hidden History* maps to find famous people. Discover Moses Williams, an African American who earned his freedom and a living by cutting profiles in Peale's Museum. *Wed. – Sun. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.*



The Second Bank of the U.S

### New Hall Military Museum

322 Chestnut Street

Once the office of Secretary of War, Henry Knox, now there are exhibits honoring the United States Army, Marine Corps and Navy. Children learn about a soldier's life in the Revolutionary War. *Wed.-Sun. 3-5 p.m.*

### Pemberton House – Museum Store

318 Chestnut Street

A good place to find books for all ages on the American Revolution, reproductions and souvenirs including Liberty Bells! *Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

### Carpenters' Hall

320 Chestnut Street

In 1774 the First Continental Congress met here, delegates from Northern and Southern colonies agreed to petition the King. View original chairs plus exhibits on “18th-century” building techniques. *Tues.-Sun. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

### Independence Living History Center

3rd Street between Chestnut & Walnut Streets

At the Archeology laboratory see professionals sort the thousands of artifacts recently dug up on the Mall. Talks are given throughout the day. The center has a gift shop, restrooms and the Independence Park Institute learning spaces. *Mon. – Wed. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Sat. 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Closed Sun. in Sept.)*

### Franklin Court

Enter at 319 Chestnut or 314-322 Market Streets



Franklin Court

### Courtyard

Imagine you are visiting Benjamin Franklin at his spacious three story mansion. Only the remains of his basement still exist, but you can walk through the rooms laid out in paving stones.

### Franklin Court Museum

Enter the glass doors to the side of the ghost house to view exhibits and films on Franklin and his family. Listen for the sounds of the Glass Armonica, a musical instrument invented by Franklin. *Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

### Printing Office

Franklin gained influence and a fortune as a printer. Park Rangers demonstrate 18th-century printing on a reproduction press. View his grandson B. F. Bache's Newspaper office, where as an opponent of Washington's policies he suffered broken windows from irate readers. *Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

### Fragments of Franklin Court

This exhibit displays artifacts dug up in Franklin Court in the 1960's including teacups, chamber pots, chicken bones and a rat's skull. It is a great place for children to explore, the stairs and floors are new and the artifacts are already broken. *Wed.-Sun. by tour only at 1 p.m.*

### US Post Office and Franklin Museum Store

In honor of our nation's first Post Master General, the United States Post Office operates the only U.S. Post Office without a ZIP code. Buy a postcard from the Museum shop next door and mail yourself a souvenir with Franklin's signature as the cancellation.

*USPO: Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

*Store: Tues. – Sat. 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

## A Short Stroll off the Mall

### Declaration House

7th & Market Streets

Thomas Jefferson lived here in the summer of 1776 when he wrote the Declaration of Independence, words that would change the world.

*Wed.-Sun. 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.*

### Bishop White House and Todd House

Walnut between 3rd & 4th Streets

An hour-long tour takes you into both houses. Wed.-Sun. ask about tours at the Independence Visitor Center. *Free*

### Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial

301 Pine Street

Kosciuszko was a true patriot who fought for freedom in the American colonies and in his native Poland. Thomas Jefferson and Chief Little Turtle paid visits to this house, you can too. It is the smallest site in the National Park Service.

*Wed. – Sun. 12 noon – 4 p.m.*

## A Short Drive off the Mall

### Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site

7th & Spring Garden Streets

Edgar Allan Poe published some of his most famous works while living in this house, such as *The Goldbug*, *The Black Cat* and *The Tell Tale Heart*.

*Exhibits, film and house tour*

*Wed.-Sun. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., 1 mile north of the Independence Visitor Center*



Edgar Allan Poe House

### Deshler-Morris, The Germantown White House

5442 Germantown Avenue

This house served as the refuge and official residence of President George Washington during the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 and later in the summer of 1794 as a summer retreat for his family. Washington's household, including his enslaved Africans, lived here then. *Fri.-Sun. 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. 5 miles from the Independence Visitor Center. Closes for renovation in October.*

# HISTORIC SITE & MAP LOCATION

## HISTORIC SITES

- AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY** **D6**  
104 South 5th Street (215) 440-3400  
Thurs-Sun. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Wed 5-8 p.m.
- ARCH STREET FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE** **E3**  
320 Arch Street (215) 627-2667  
Mon.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sug. Don.: \$2 ♿
- THE ATHENAEUM OF PHILADELPHIA** **C7**  
219 South 6th Street (215) 925-2688  
Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE
- BETSY ROSS HOUSE** **F3**  
239 Arch Street (215) 686-1252  
Daily - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Mondays in Oct.  
Adult - \$3 - Ch./Stud. \$2 - Audio Guide \$4.
- BISHOP WHITE HOUSE** **E6**  
309 Walnut Street - Wed.-Sun. ask about  
tours at the Independence Visitor Center FREE
- CARPENTERS' HALL** **E5**  
320 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-0167  
Tue.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Mon. FREE
- CHRIST CHURCH BURIAL GROUND** **D3**  
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 922-1695  
Mon.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. - Noon - 4 p.m.  
weather permitting; Ad. - \$2 - Stud. \$1 - \$10 Groups
- CITY TAVERN** **F6**  
138 South 2nd Street - (215) 413-1443  
Daily - 11:30 a.m. ♿
- CONGRESS HALL** **C5**  
6th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676  
Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Tours every 20 min.  
FREE ♿
- DECLARATION HOUSE** **B4**  
7th & Market Streets - (800) 537-7676  
Wed.-Sun. 11 a.m.-Noon FREE ♿
- DESHLER MORRIS HOUSE**  
5442 Germantown Ave - (215) 597-7130  
Fri.-Sun. 1-4 p.m. or by appointment.  
Closes for renovation in October
- EDGAR ALLAN POE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE** **C4**  
532 North 7th Street - (215) 597-8780  
Wed.-Sun. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿
- ELFRETH'S ALLEY** **F2**  
124-126 Elfreth Alley - (215) 574-0560  
Tue.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. - Noon-5 p.m.  
Museum: Ad. \$3 • Ch. 6-18 - \$1  
Under 6, school/scout groups FREE
- FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF PHILADELPHIA** **C2**  
6th & Arch Streets - (866) 574-3727  
Mon.-Fri. - 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE ♿
- FRANKLIN COURT** **E4**  
314-322 Market Street - (800) 537-7676  
ALL FREE ♿
- Fragments of Franklin Court:**  
Wed.-Sun. By tour only at 1 p.m.
- Franklin Court Museum Store:**  
Tues. - Sat. 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Printing Office:** Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- U.S. Post Office:** Mon.-Sat. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Museum:** Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- FRANKLIN SQUARE** **C1**  
6th & Race Streets  
Sat.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

## FREE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

**C3**  
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 629-5801  
Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. FREE ♿

## GREAT ESSENTIALS EXHIBIT

**C5**  
West Wing of Independence Hall  
(800) 537-7676 Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿

## INDEPENDENCE HALL

**C5**  
Chestnut Street between 5th & 6th Streets  
(800) 537-7676

Daily 9-5 Tickets required ♿

## INDEPENDENCE LIVING HISTORY CENTER

**E5**  
3rd & Chestnut Streets (215) 629-4026

Mon.-Wed. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.;

Sat. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

(Closed Sun. in Sept.) FREE ♿

## INDEPENDENCE VISITOR CENTER

**C4**  
6th & Market Streets - (800) 537-7676

Daily 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿ ♿

## KOSCIUSZKO HOUSE

**E8**  
3rd & Pine Streets - (215) 597-9618

Wed.-Sun. - Noon-4 p.m. FREE

## OLD CITY HALL

**D5**  
5th & Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676

Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿

## PHYSICK HOUSE

**E8**  
321 South 4th Street - (215) 925-7866

Thurs.-Sat. - Noon-5 p.m. • Sun. - 1-5 p.m.

Last tour at 4 p.m. Gen. - \$5 • Stud./Sr. - \$4

Groups over 10 - \$3 each • Und. 6 - FREE

## PORTRAIT GALLERY AT THE SECOND BANK

**D5**  
420 Chestnut Street

(800) 537-7676

Wed.-Sun. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. FREE

## POWEL HOUSE

**E7**  
244 South 3rd Street - (215) 627-0364

Thurs.-Sat. - Noon-5 p.m. • Sun. - 1-5 p.m.

Last tour at 4 p.m. Gen. - \$5 • Stud./Sr. - \$4

Fam. - \$12 • Under 6 - FREE ♿

## TODD HOUSE

**E6**  
4th & Walnut Streets - (800) 537-7676

Wed.-Sun. ask about tours at the Independence

Visitor Center FREE

## MUSEUMS

### AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA

**B3**  
7th & Arch Streets (215) 574-0380

Tues.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun. - Noon-5 p.m.

Adult - \$8 • Ch./Sr. - \$6 • Stud. - \$6 ♿

### ATWATER KENT MUSEUM OF PHILADELPHIA HISTORY

**B5**  
5 South 7th Street (215) 685-4830

Wed.-Sun. - 1-5 p.m. Adult - \$5

Ch./Sr. - \$3 • Ch. Under 12 - FREE ♿

### FIREMAN'S HALL MUSEUM

**F2**  
147 North 2nd Street - (215) 923-1438

Tues.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. FREE ♿

### INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM

**H6**  
211 Columbus Blvd - (215) 925-5439

Daily - 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Ad. - \$9 • Sr./Stud. - \$8

Ch. - \$6 Under 3 FREE Sun. 10 a.m.-Noon FREE ♿

## LIBERTY BELL CENTER

**C4**  
6th Street between Market &

Chestnut Streets - (800) 537-7676

Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. You must be at the security

screening area before 4:45 p.m. FREE ♿

## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

**D3**  
525 Arch Street - (215) 409-6700

Mon.-Fri. - 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Sat. - 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. - Noon-5 p.m.;

Closes at 1 p.m. on 9/27 • Adult - \$12

\$11 Senior • \$8 Child & Active Mil.

Under 4 FREE ♿ ♿

## NATIONAL LIBERTY MUSEUM

**E5**  
321 Chestnut Street - (215) 925-2800

Tues.-Sun. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Adult - \$7 • Sr. - \$6 • Stud. - \$5 • Ch. - FREE

Sunday: Free for individuals and families ♿

## NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY

**D4**  
55 North 5th Street - (215) 923-3811

Mon.-Thurs. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fri. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. • Sun. - Noon-5 p.m. FREE ♿

## NEW HALL MILITARY MUSEUM

**E5**  
322 Chestnut Street (800) 537-7676

Wed.-Sun. - 3-5 p.m. FREE ♿

## PEMBERTON HOUSE MUSEUM SHOP & BOOKSTORE

**E5**  
316 Chestnut Street - (215) 597-8019

Daily - 9 a.m.-5 p.m. FREE ♿

## POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER MUSEUM

**E6**  
308 Walnut Street - (215) 922-1700

Mon.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE

## U.S. MINT

**D3**  
5th & Arch Streets - (215) 408-0114

Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-3 p.m. FREE

## OTHER SITES

### CHRIST CHURCH PHILADELPHIA

**F4**  
2nd Street above Market Street

(215) 922-1695 Mon.-Sat. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Sun. 1-5 p.m. Sugg. Don. \$3 Ad./\$2 Stu. ♿

### CONGREGATION MIKVEH ISRAEL

**D4**  
44 North 4th Street - (215) 922-2111

By appointment only. ♿

### GLORIA DEI "OLD SWEDES" CHURCH

Columbus Blvd. near Christian Street

(215) 389-1513 Daily - 9 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE ♿

### LIGHTS OF LIBERTY

**C5**  
PECO Energy Liberty Center

6th & Chestnut Streets - (215) LIBERTY

Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sun. & Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

### MIKVEH ISRAEL CEMETERY

**A7**  
8th & Spruce Streets - (215) 861-0314

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (Tues. - Fri. & Sun.)

### MOTHER BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

**C9**  
419 South 6th Street - (215) 925-0616

Tues.-Sat. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sun. - Open for Services. Donation suggested.

Tours by appointment.

### OLD FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

**E1**  
4th & Race Streets - (215) 922-4566

Tours by appointment. FREE ♿

## OLD PINE PRESBYTERIAN CH.

**D8**  
412 Pine Street - (215) 925-8051

Mon.-Fri. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sun. - Open for

Services; Closed daily 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. FREE ♿

## OLD ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH

**D1**  
4th Street at the Ben Franklin Bridge

(215) 627-1838

Tours by appointment. FREE ♿

## OLD ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH & NATIONAL SHRINE

**E6**  
321 Willings Alley - (215) 923-1733

Daily - 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. FREE

## OLD ST. MARY'S CHURCH

**D7**  
252 South 4th Street - (215) 923-7930

Mon.-Fri. - 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Open for Services or by appointment. FREE

## ST. GEORGE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**E1**  
235 North 4th Street - (215) 925-7788

Mon.-Fri. - 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sat. & Sun. groups by appointment only. FREE

## ST. PETER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**E8**  
3rd & Pine Streets - (215) 925-5968

Mon.-Fri. - 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sat. - 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sun. open until 3 p.m. after services. FREE ♿

## EDUCATION

### Independence National Historical Park

The Independence Park Institute (IPI) offers hands-on, curriculum based education programs for teachers, school groups, and for learners of all ages.

To learn more about IPI education programs at Independence National Historical Park or to reserve a program for your group call (215) 597-2760,

visit [www.independenceparkinstitute.com](http://www.independenceparkinstitute.com) or stop by the Independence Visitor Center and pick up a teacher information packet.



## SERVICES

### Language Services

Park maps are available in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Russian and Spanish. There is information in several languages about the Liberty Bell and other park sites. See a Ranger or ask at the Visitor Center if you have a specific request.

### Accessibility

Park buildings, programs, films and exhibits are accessible via curb cut-outs, ramps, text/photo albums describing second floor displays, verbal presentations, park folders in Braille and large print tour brochures, pamphlets and booklets, park-wide signage featuring text and graphics, open captioning and assistive listening devices.

To arrange for American Sign Language services, please contact us at least two weeks in advance. Use the relay service (800-654-5984-TTY) to call (215-597-7130).

